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LONGDENDALE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Medical Officer's Report for the year ending December 31st 1955

To The Chairman and Members
of the District Council.

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1955 and which consists mainly of statistical figures with relative information as and where this appertains to any material change from previous years.

POPULATION.

Registrar General's estimate for 1955 is 4450.

BIRTHS. There were 54 live births during 1955. Of these 31 were males, and 23 females. 75% were born in Maternity Institutions or Hospitals.

Four illegitimate children are included in the above total.

The Crude Birth Rate was 12.1 per 1000, compared with 15.5 per 1000 for 1954.

The Birth Rate adjusted for comparative purposes with other areas was 13.6 compared with a figure of 15 for the country as a whole.

No Still Births were registered.

DEATHS. The number of deaths during 1955 was 69. Of those 36 were males and 33 females.

The Crude Death Rate was 15.5 per 1000 compared with 14.4 per 1000 for 1954.

The Death Rate adjusted for comparative purposes with other areas was 11.8 compared with a figure of 11.7 for the country as a whole.

The principal causes of death are as follows :-

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cerebral Disease of Heart.....	6	5	11
Other Diseases of Heart.....	2	6	8
Diseases of Blood Vessels.....	-	4	4
Diseases of Blood Vessels of Brain.....	4	7	11
Cancer.....	10	3	13
Tuberculosis of Lungs.....	1	-	1
Bronchitis.....	2	-	2
Pneumonia.....	1	-	1
Influenza.....	1	-	1
Ulcer of Stomach.....	2	2	4
Accidental or Violence.....	2	-	2
Other Diseases.....	5	6	11
	<u>36</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>69</u>

INFANT MORTALITY.

There were no deaths among infants under 1 year of age.

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

No deaths occurred as the result of pregnancy.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Measles and Whooping Cough assumed epidemic proportions during the early part of the year, and during the autumn Chicken-Pox became prevalent.

The following figures indicate the extent to which all types of infection occurred. No case of severe food poisoning was reported.

Measles.....	48
Whooping Cough.....	24
Scarlet Fever.....	2
Chicken-Pox.....	31
Pneumonia.....	5
Erysipelas.....	2
Tuberculosis.....	6

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

Specimens taken from patients for various bacteriological tests by family practitioners are sent to the National Health Laboratory at Monsall Hospital, Manchester. Reports upon such specimens are sent to the patient's own doctor, and a copy of same is forwarded to the Health Office.

TUBERCULOSIS.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
The number of cases on the register on 31/12/54 was	-	14
The number of cases added to register during 1955 was	-	3
The number of cases removed from register during 1955 was	-	7
The number of cases remaining on register on 31/12/55 was	-	<u>10</u>
		<u>13</u>

CARE OF MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN. (Service under County Council Administration).

Hollingworth Clinic.

The deterioration of the interior wall surface previously reported has not so far been remedied although the external surface and roof have been given attention in order to eradicate further penetrative dampness, prior to redecorating the interior.

A weekly Ante-natal Clinic is held following a School-child Nurse's session each Tuesday afternoon.

One session per month is devoted to immunisation and which is undertaken by the Divisional Medical Officer.

(Hollingworth Clinic - ctd.)

Child Welfare Sessions were held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month throughout the year - a local Medical Practitioner and Health Visitor being in attendance.

<u>New Cases</u>	<u>Total Attendances</u>	<u>Average Attendance</u>	<u>Seen by Doctor</u>
49 (45)	1640 (1712)	68 (63)	284 (340)

Figures in brackets () indicate the corresponding numbers in the previous year.

The M. & C.W. Clinic held in the Methodist Church School, Broadbottom, was open on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday afternoons each month. A local Medical Practitioner and Health Visitor attend to give advice on child care and to carry out immunisation.

<u>New Cases</u>	<u>Total Attendances</u>	<u>Average Attendance</u>	<u>Seen by Doctor</u>
17 (28)	545 (706)	23 (32)	145 (174)

WELFARE FOOD DISTRIBUTION.

Following the discontinuance by the Ministry of Food of the distribution of Welfare Foods, i.e. National Dried Milk, Orange Juice, Cod Liver Oil and Vitamins - arrangements were made for this service to be administered by the Divisional Health Committee from the 1st July. Supplies of these commodities are available at Hollingworth and Broadbottom Clinic sessions. Supplies are available at the Mottram Court Room on one afternoon weekly but the need to continue this provision will be reviewed at the termination of the present financial year in the light of economy.

The assistance given by voluntary helpers in the clinics in this work is much appreciated, especially now that the distribution of National Welfare Foods has been undertaken by them and in addition to those duties originally carried out.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The area is covered by the Hyde Health Division for general, accident and infectious cases, the number conveyed being 3127 ; this is an increase of 971 on the number conveyed during 1954. The majority of patients were conveyed to the Ashton Group of Hospitals.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOME.

One full-time Domiciliary Nurse attended 82 patients in Mottram and Broadbottom upon 2635 occasions.

The Hollingworth district is served by a Nurse whose duties also include cases resident in Tintwistle - 114 patients having been visited upon 3358 occasions. (Separate figures for Hollingworth residents are not readily available).

Due to the scattered area allocated to this particular nurse, she uses her own motor-car for which she is reimbursed on a mileage basis for all official journeys connected with her nursing duties.

Nursing requisites are stored at private addresses in Mottram and Broadbottom and at the M. & C.W. Centre at Hollingworth. The requisites such as back-rests, bed-pans etc. are available on loan from the stores by application to either of these nurses.

MIDWIFERY.

One Midwife allocated to the district attended the 11 cases in which the birth took place in the homes of the patients. The trend for childbirth to take place in maternity institutions is revealed by the fact that 43 of the notified

births took place in Hospitals or Maternity Homes in Hyde and Glossop.

Facilities are available at the Hollingworth M. & C.W. Centre for the Midwife to carry out examinations of her patients prior to confinement.

Owing to difficulties in filling the vacancy caused by the resignation in October 1954 of Mrs. Hall, home confinements have been undertaken by Midwives resident in Stalybridge. Applications by the County Council for a Council house to enable a replacement for Mrs. Hall to live in this district have so far met with no success.

(Note - A new appointment of a resident midwife was made on the 6th July 1956 and a Council house was leased for this purpose to the County Council).

HEALTH VISITING.

One Health Visitor supervises the welfare of infants, young children, expectant mothers and nursing mothers by paying visits to the homes and attending at the Clinics. Visits to cases of Tuberculosis for Care and After-Care purposes, and to any aged and infirm persons in need of attention, also form part of her duties.

The number and types of visits paid to the homes in Longdendale and Tintwistle are as under

<u>Expectant Mothers</u>	<u>Children under five</u>	<u>School Children</u>	<u>Re Home Helps</u>	<u>T.B.</u>	<u>Mental Cases</u>	<u>Aged Persons</u>	<u>Other</u>
183	3870	97	45	88	13	444	277
(214)	(3659)	(103)	(38)	(82)	(11)	(249)	(227)

Figures in brackets () indicate the corresponding numbers in the previous year.

The Health Visitor possesses a motor-car which she uses for her work and for which expense she is reimbursed according to the mileage covered.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

The report of your Sanitary Inspector has been submitted to me and is attached for your consideration and approval.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

F.W.C.BROWN

Medical Officer of Health.

Municipal Buildings,
Greenfield Street,
HYDE.

July, 1956.

LONGDENDALE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT for the year ended 31st December 1955

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting herewith my report for the year 1955

HOUSING, ETC.

During the year a survey of the District was made to ascertain the number of substandard houses likely to be demolished in the next fifteen years or so.

Having regard to the anticipated effect of the Council's schemes to improve both the water supply and the system of sewage disposal and to the possible results of Hattersley becoming a reception area for the 'overspill' from Manchester the final list was fixed at some 87 properties. This list may be somewhat elastic in that some of the houses included may be repaired or made safe before the final action of the Council takes place. On the other hand some property now considered good may suffer rapid deterioration.

The following conditions existed at the time of the survey :-

57%	of houses in District were over 80 years old
35%	.. .. .. 110
65%	.. .. had no bath
49%	.. .. were not connected to a sewer discharging to a proper sewage outfall works.
41%	1.. .. had no fresh water closet
9%	.. .. are not served by the Council's water supply

Improvement Grants

The Council have made grants towards the improvement of 13 properties

Building Progress

Houses	-	Private Dwellings	2
		Extensions	1
		Removal	1
		Two houses made into one	1
Other	-	New erections	12
		Extension or alteration	3
		Removal	1
	Change of use -	Stable to Workshop	1

NOTICES, INSPECTION and VISITS

Some 1600 miscellaneous visits have been made during the year exclusive of those made by the Rodent Operative in the course of his duties.

Statutory Notices served	....	....	....	20
Informal Notices served	....	....	....	43
Nuisances abated with or without notice	....	....	....	173

WATER SUPPLY

The water supply for the District comes from Hungry Hole Springs at Arnfield, Tintwistle with a supplementary intake from the Arnfield Brook when these springs are too low to satisfy the demand. The water is not treated in any way and a good report has been obtained from samples taken.

Ninety-one per cent of the houses in the District are supplied by the Council's water system and the remainder by private wells and springs which are not at all times adequate.

Six premises are served by a common standpipe

During the year four properties have been connected to the Council's mains

Supply Statistics

Supply	1000 gallons per day			Served		Gallons per head per day
	Total	Business	Domestic	Houses	Population	
Hollingworth	60.56	8.77	51.79	736	1880	27.544
Mottram and Broadbottom	39.11	5.31	33.80	921	2290	14.726
	99.67	14.08	85.59	1657	4170	20.525

SCAVENGING

The labour and transport for this service are supplied by the Engineer and Surveyor and disposal is by landfill at a site off Broadbottom Road, Mottram. The site has about 10 more useful years at the present rate of collection. The major part of the District has a weekly collection of household rubbish and pail closet contents but unfortunately certain properties can only be served once per fortnight so far as domestic refuse is concerned.

The Council have supplied 35 sanitary pails and 76 dustbins on orders from owners to whom accounts have been charged.

SEWERAGE

The Council has outfall works at Hollingworth and Broadbottom and both these works are due for enlargement and improvement under a scheme made by the Council which has been submitted to the Minister.

A grant of up to £8 per conversion is made for voluntary conversion to fresh water carriage system and nine such conversions have been made in the year. Fifteen other fresh water closets have been connected.

RODENT CONTROL

67 infestation have been dealt with in the period and to deal with these some 370 properties were inspected. The total of visits, including those for treatments started last year and completed this year came to 602.

The sewerage system was found to be clear of infestation after the annual test bait and so no treatments were necessary.

Offensive trades

The extraction of fat and its associated industries are carried on at Hyde Brook Works. The control and supervision of these premises is regular but nevertheless complaints are made from time to time of the offensive smells from the works.

DISINFESTATION and DISINFECTION

In each of the villages the Council maintains a free supply of disinfectant to those residents who wish to have some from time to time.

There have been 48 inspections and visits due to illness and infestation other than by rodents.

In the late summer there was a widespread plague of crickets in Hattersley and the vicinity of the Broadbottom Road Tip. The premises were treated with Gammexane Powder and the infestation appears to have cleared up.

FACTORIES

31 visits have been made to the 23 factories on the Register and three cases of unsatisfactory sanitary accommodation were put in order after the service of informal notice.

WORKPLACES

The 39 workplaces in the District were satisfactory on inspection.

MEAT, MILK and OTHER FOOD

There has been no formal seizure of food unfit for human consumption but some shopkeepers have made voluntary surrenders of food on these grounds

MeatLicensed Slaughterhouses

There are three licensed slaughterhouses in regular use and all are situated in Hollingworth

Knackers Yard.

A portion of Hyde Brook Works is licensed for the purposes of a Knackers Yard.

Carcasses and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	159	121	15	963	98	-
Number inspected	156	120	14	945	97	-
<u>All diseases except</u>						
Tuberculosis &						
<u>Cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	1	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	31	22	-	58	2	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	19.87	18.33	-	6.01	2.06	
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcases condemned	-	1	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	20	29	-	-	1	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	12.8	25.0	-	-	1-03	-
<u>Cysticerci</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

It has been possible to examine over 98% of the animals killed in the District for human consumption

Ice Cream

None of the premises registered under the Food and Drugs Act 1938 make ice cream or the premises registered
There has been no action taken under the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment)
Regulations

Milk

At the end of the year the registrations were :-

Dairies -	2	Distributors -	14
Sterilised Milk -	Dealers 14	- Supplementary	2
Pasteurised .. -	.. 5	- ..	2
Tuberculin Tested-	.. 4	- ..	1

There are 48 farms in the District, 37 produce milk for sale, 3 use the milk for other stock and 8 do not keep cows or were vacant

There has been no action under Part VII of the Milk and Dairies Regulation 1949

Other food

There are 93 food premises in the District and 27 inspections have been made of those registered under Sec 14 of the Food and Drugs Act 1938 and 103 to other food premises

The Officials and Staff of the Council have been very co-operative on all occasions and I take this opportunity of thanking them for their assistance.

I am,

Your obedient servant

Arnold Swindells

SANITARY INSPECTOR

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MOTTRAM.